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Serial No.: 10/659,944 ) Confirmation No.: 5068  
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For: Sensing an Operating Parameter of a Target ) Atty. Docket: 81084432  
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 17, 2006, please consider  
the following comments.

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